Steven L. Beshear Governor

Robert D. Vance, Secretary Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet

Larry R. Bond Commissioner Department of Public Protection THE STATE OF THE S

Commonwealth of Kentucky

Public Service Commission
211 Sower Blvd.
P.O. Box 615

Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615
Telephone: (502) 564-3940

Fax: (502) 564-3460 psc.ky.gov

April 30, 2008

Mark David Goss Chairman

John W. Clay Vice Chairman

Caroline Pitt Clark Commissioner

Gerald Robinette
General Manager
East Kentucky Network, LLC dba Appalachian Wireless
101 Technology Trail
lvel, KY 41642

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

RE: Case No. 2008-00089 East Kentucky Network, LLC dba Appalachian Wireless

I, Stephanie Stumbo, Executive Director of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the addressee by U.S. Mail on April 30, 2008.

**Executive Director** 

SS/rs Enclosure



Steven L. Beshear Governor

Ivel, KY 41642

Robert D. Vance, Secretary Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet

Larry R. Bond Commissioner Department of Public Protection ALH ON THE PROPERTY OF THE PRO

Commonwealth of Kentucky **Public Service Commission**211 Sower Blvd.
P.O. Box 615

Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-0615

Telephone: (502) 564-3940 Fax: (502) 564-3460 psc.ky.gov

April 30, 2008

Janice Robinson

Technical Site Coordinator

East Kentucky Network, LLC dba Appalachian Wireless
101 Technology Trail

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

RE: Case No. 2008-00089 East Kentucky Network, LLC dba Appalachian Wireless

I, Stephanie Stumbo, Executive Director of the Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed attested copy of the Commission's Order in the above case was served upon the addressee by U.S. Mail on April 30, 2008.

**Executive Director** 

Mark David Goss

Chairman

John W. Clay

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

Caroline Pitt Clark

SS/rs Enclosure



# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF EAST KENTUCKY	)
NETWORK LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY FOR	) CASE NO. 2008-00089
THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT	
A TOWER IN LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY	j

# ORDER

On March 26, 2008, East Kentucky Network, LLC, formerly Mountaineer Cellular Limited Liability Company ("Applicant") filed an application seeking a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 320 feet in height, with attached antenna, to be located on a ridge between Orchard Branch and Bull Creek, approximately one and three quarter miles northwest of Blackey, Letcher County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 9' 20.7" by West Longitude 83° 0' 7.5".

The Applicant has provided information regarding the structure of the tower, safety measures, and antenna design criteria for the proposed facility. Based upon the application, the design of the tower and foundation conforms to applicable nationally recognized building standards, and a Licensed Professional Engineer has certified the plans.

Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063, the Applicant has notified the County Judge/Executive of the proposed construction. The Applicant has filed applications with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") and the Kentucky Airport Zoning

Commission ("KAZC") seeking approval for the construction and operation of the proposed facility. Both decisions are pending.

The Applicant has filed evidence of the appropriate notices provided pursuant to 807 KAR 5:063. The notices solicited comments and informed the recipients of their right to request intervention. To date, no public comments have been filed with the Commission.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds the Applicant has demonstrated a facility is necessary to provide adequate utility service and that, therefore, a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct the proposed facility should be granted.

Pursuant to KRS 278.280, the Commission is required to determine proper practices to be observed when it finds, upon complaint or on its own motion, the facilities of any utility subject to its jurisdiction are unreasonable, unsafe, improper, or insufficient. To assist the Commission in its efforts to comply with this mandate, the Applicant should notify the Commission if it does not use this antenna tower to provide service in the manner set out in its application and this Order. Upon receipt of such notice, the Commission may, on its own motion, institute proceedings to consider the proper practices, including removal of the unused antenna tower, which should be observed by the Applicant.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The Applicant is granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a wireless telecommunications facility. The proposed facility consists of a self-supporting antenna tower not to exceed 320 feet in height, with

attached antenna, and is to be located on a ridge between Orchard Branch and Bull Creek, approximately one and three quarter miles northwest of Blackey, Letcher County, Kentucky. The coordinates for the proposed facility are North Latitude 37° 9' 20.7" by West Longitude 83° 0' 7.5".

- 2. The Applicant shall file a copy of the final decisions regarding the pending FAA and KAZC applications for the proposed construction within 10 days of receiving the decisions.
- 3. The Applicant shall immediately notify the Commission in writing, if, after the antenna tower is built and utility service is commenced, the tower is not used for a period of 3 months in the manner authorized by this Order.
- 4. The Applicant shall also notify the Commission in writing, within 20 days of completion, that it has finished construction of the tower and the date upon which said construction was complete.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 30th day of April, 2008.

By the Commission

Executive Director